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figned and prepared for publication. The final correction of the manuscript for that purpose, employed and amused him during the confinement of his last illness: to the very end of which, in spite of bodily infirmities, his soul retained her vigour, and, as it were, afferted her superiority. Happy they who, at such a period, still enjoying the strength of their faculties and the activity of their genius, can employ them in works which at once are proofs of ability, and exercises of devotion. By the Author's death, the task of publication devolved on one, who, amidst the regret inseparable from the occasion, feels some consolation in the fair and honourable opportunity thus afforded, of bearing testimony to the merits of a parent, whom, if he had not loved and honoured, he would have been unworthy of the life he derived from him.

The excellencies of the heart above all things deferve, and above all require to be commemorated. They are not, like abilities in the elegant arts, displayed in permanent works, but exerted in transient acts; the testimony of which is daily weakened, and is liable to be gradually obliterated. That Dr. Nares was eminent as a Professor of music, this work, among others, will doubtless testify abundantly; but it is just that it should be recorded also, while numbers are alive who can confirm it, that he ranked no less honourably as a man: that he displayed, in every relation of life, those excellent qualities, which a son ought to be most happy to celebrate, and most ambitious to inherit.

Of his life, the few particulars that follow may perhaps be not unacceptable.

Dr. James Nares was born in the year 1715. The place of his birth, as well as that of his brother, the late Mr. Justice Nares \*, was Stanwell, in Middlesex. From which situation the family foon after removed into Oxfordshire. A casual offer of Mr. Gates, then Master of the King's Choristers, determined a parent, who had little fortune to bestow on his family but that of a strictly conscientious steward, to breed his elder son a Musician, in which line he studied first under Mr. Gates, in the chapel, afterwards under the celebrated Dr. Pepusch. The place of Organist in the cathedral at York, was his first preferment: and in that situation, after some continuance in it, he married. There the present worthy Dean of York, Dr. Fountayne, became his friend and patron: by whose interest, in the year 1756, he was appointed to fucceed Dr. Greene, in the places of Organist and Composer to his Majesty: and about the same time he was honoured, by the University of Cambridge, with the degree of Doctor in Music. The resignation of Mr. Gates, in October 1757, opened to Dr. Nares the place of Master of the Boys also. In this situation he continued, distinguished by strict attention to the duties of his feveral places, by the talents he displayed in executing them, and by his various compositions, particularly those for the church, till July 1781; when declining health induced him to refign the care of the Chorifters. In the 68th year of his age, a conflitution never strong, finally gave way: and he died on the 10th of February 1783, regretted not only by the family which he left, but, in a proportionable degree, by all related to or connected with him.

The most striking characteristics of this worthy man, were a natural cheerfulness of temper, an earnest and generous zeal for every thing praiseworthy, with a similar degree of aversion and contempt for every thing flagitious or base. The friends his merit acquired,

<sup>\*</sup> Sir George Nares, knt. one of his Majesty's Justices in the Court of Common Pleas, was born in 1716, and died in 1786.

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his integrity preferved: while the competence his abilities and diligence procured, maintained his independence, supported and provided for his family. In Music, which accident had made his profession, the versatility of his genius enabled him to excel: but his passion was for literature, in which the requisites he possessed would possibly have raised him to a still more conspicuous eminence.

The printed works of Dr. Nares are enumerated in the subsequent list:

- 1. Eight Sets of Lessons for the Harpsichord; dedicated to the Right Honourable Willoughby Earl of Abingdon; first printed in 1748; reprinted in 1757.
- 2. Five Lessons for the Harpsichord, with a Sonata in score for the Harpsichord or Organ; dedicated to the Right Honourable the Countess of Carlisle; published in 1758 or 9.
- 3. A Set of easy Lessons for the Harpsichord, three in number; with a dedication to the public, figned J. M.
- 4. A Treatife on Singing. Small fize.
- 5. Il Principio; or a regular Introduction to playing on the Harpsichord or Organ.
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- 6. The Royal Pastoral, a dramatic Ode; dedicated to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.
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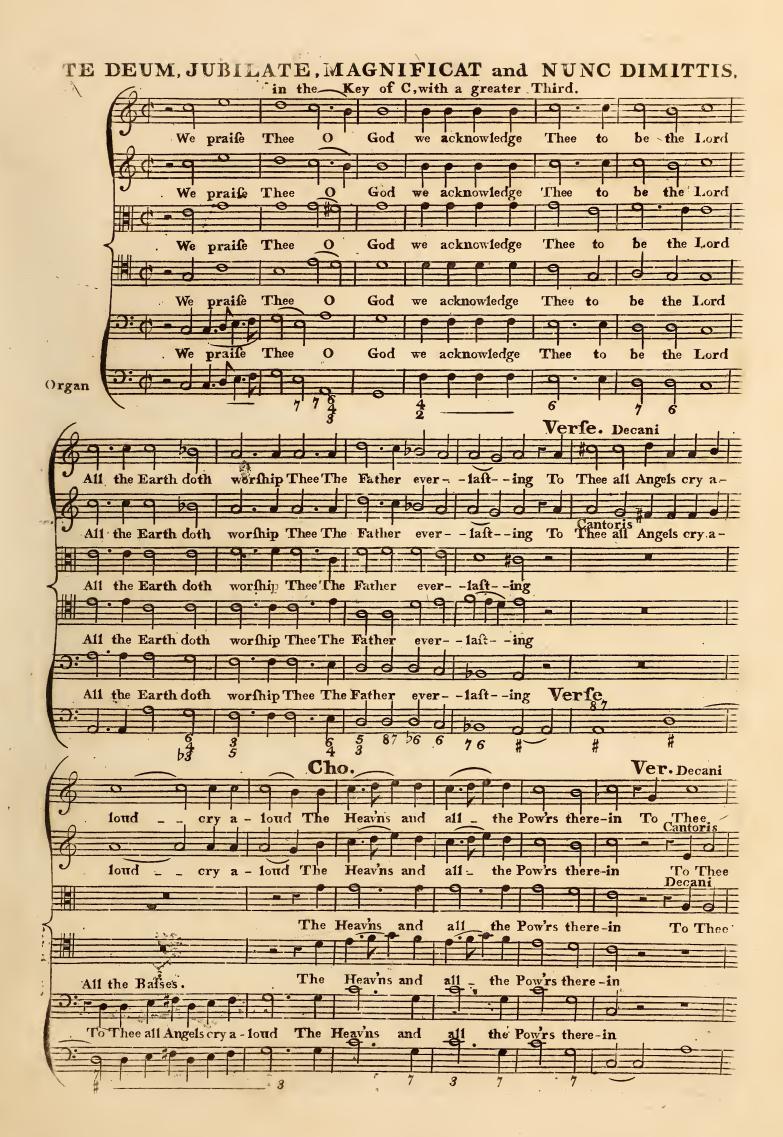
  A different work from the former small treatife.
- 10. Twenty Anthems, in score, for 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 Voices. Composed for the use of his Majesty's Chapels Royal. 1778.
- 11. This prefent Work.

Concerning those three Anthems in this set, which are calculated to be performed without an organ, the Author expressed himself to this effect, in a paper written in 1782. "Having often been an auditor in country churches, where what they called Anthems were sung in parts, I own I have been usually mortissed by the performance, though at the same time I pitied the performers; who had against them not only their own inexperience, but the bad-

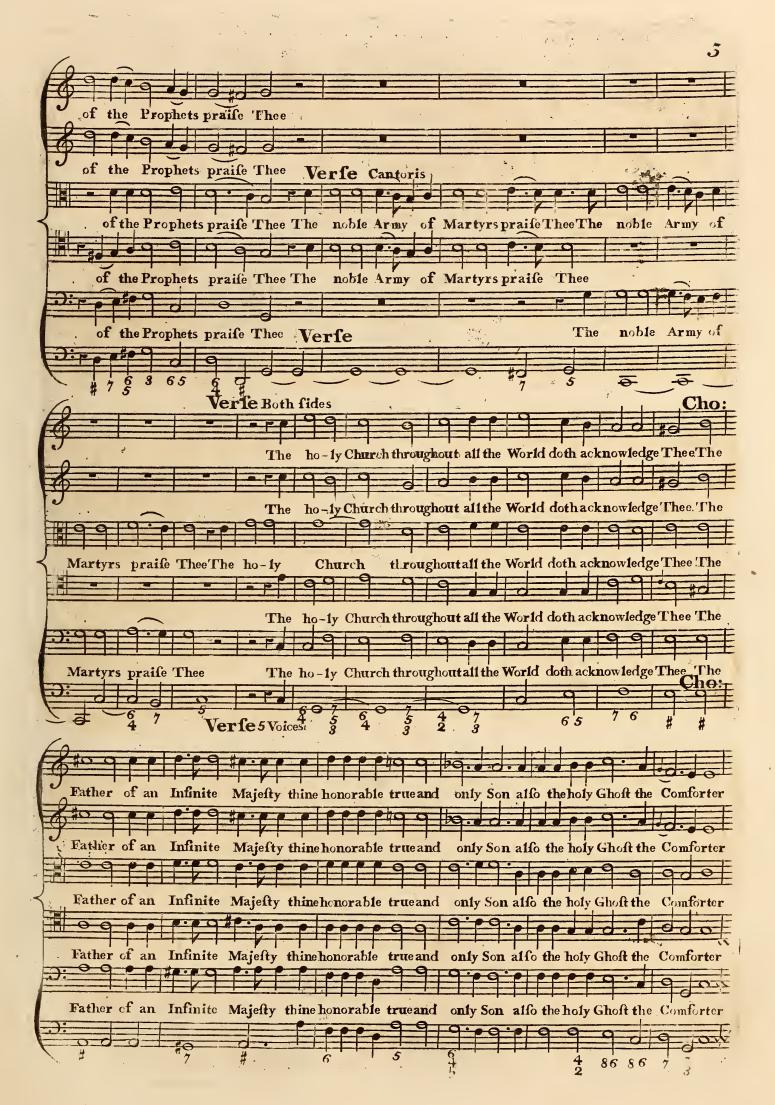
- " ness of the music. Nor could I help observing, that the same time and pains bestowed upon
- "fome easy music, composed in a good style, would have produced an effect much more creditable to the singers, as well as more pleasing to the audience. I was therefore desirous
- "to remedy in some degree this defect, and to supply a few pieces, which might be at the
- " fame time within the reach of those performers, and not wholly unworthy the attention
- " of the more enlightened part of the congregation."

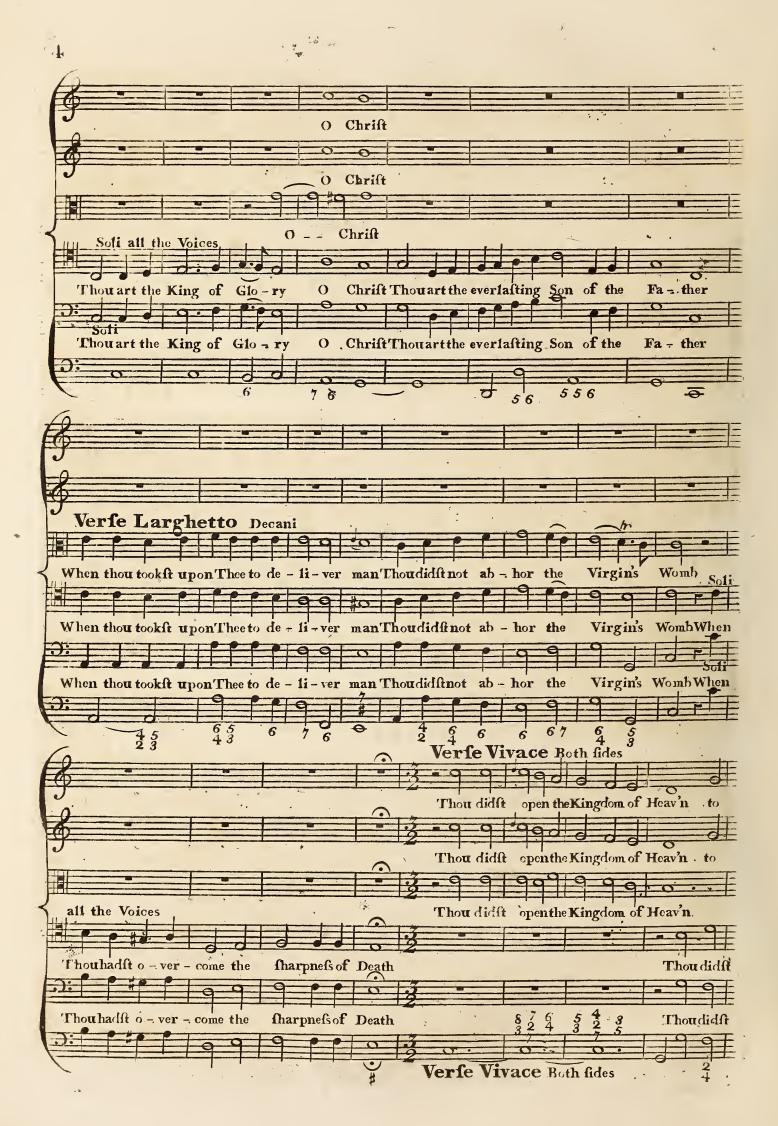
This Volume owes the correctness of its impression to the friendly care, and diligent superintendence, of Dr. Ayrton, the present Master of the Children of his Majesty's Chapels: a man whom to have distinguished early, and to have served zealously, is a commendation of my father, which I should be very forry to omit.

Concerning the merit of these compositions, I trust it is unnecessary to say any thing. The Service has been so much admired as to obtain the distinguishing title of favourite. The Anthems have as yet been little heard; the world must decide upon them. May their fortune be proportionable to their excellence.

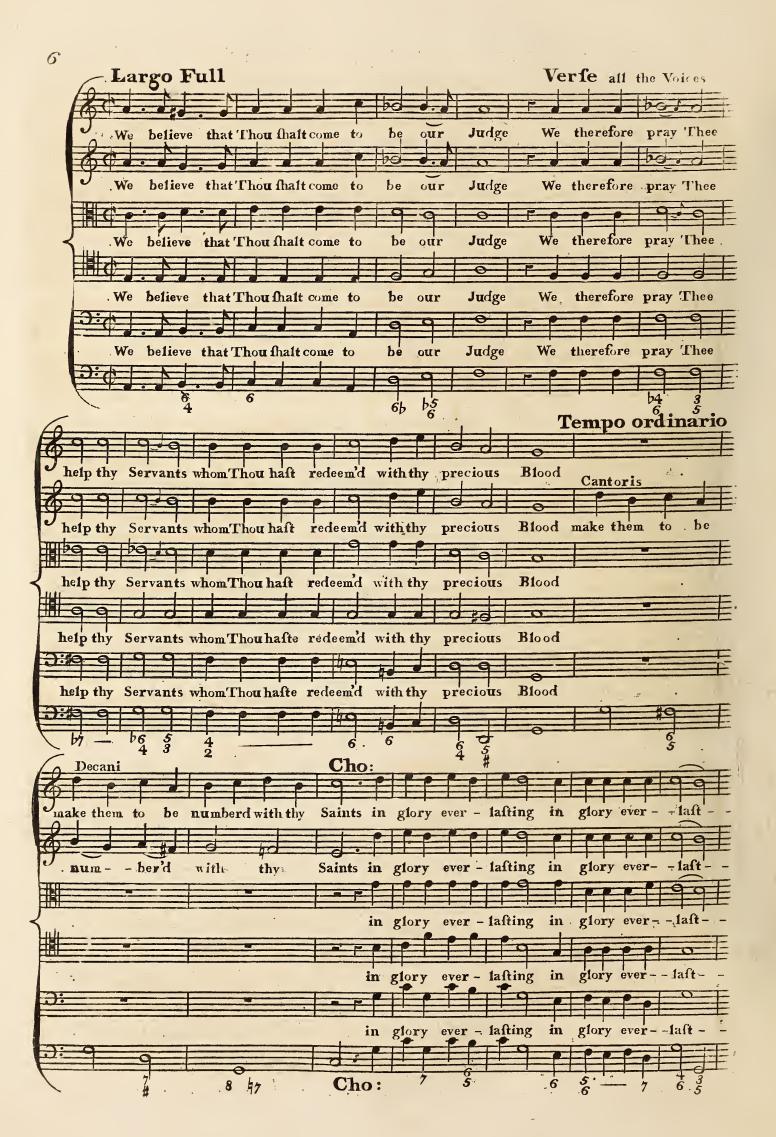


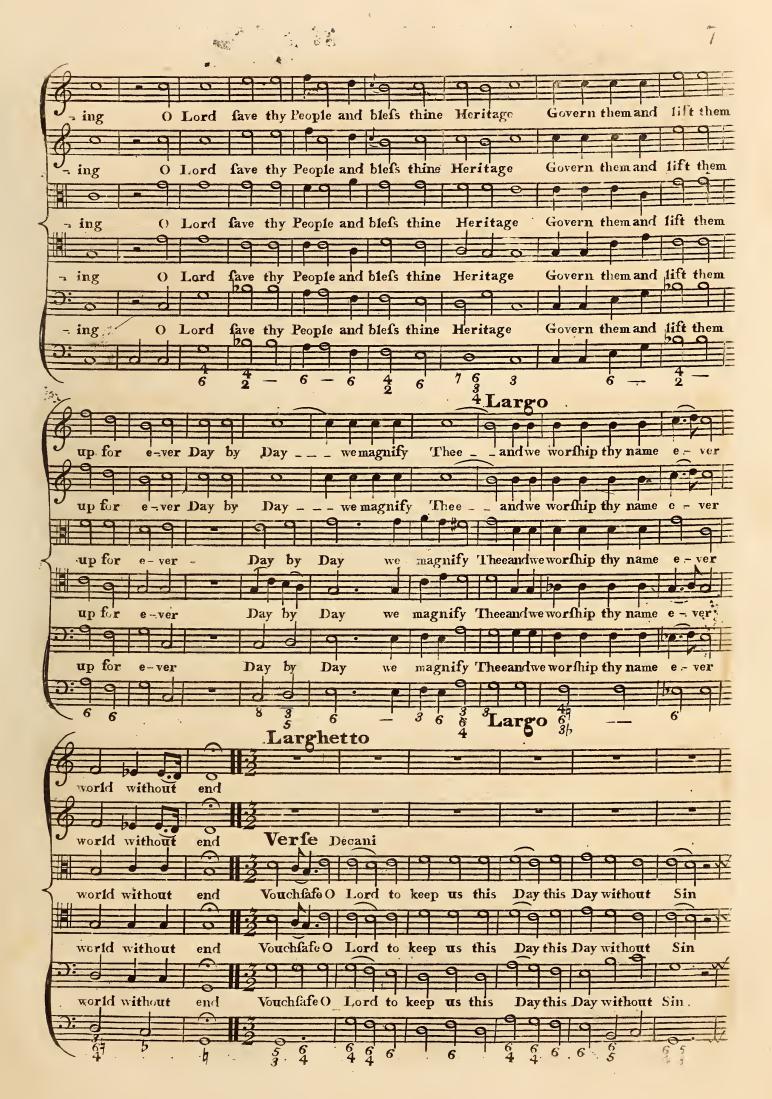


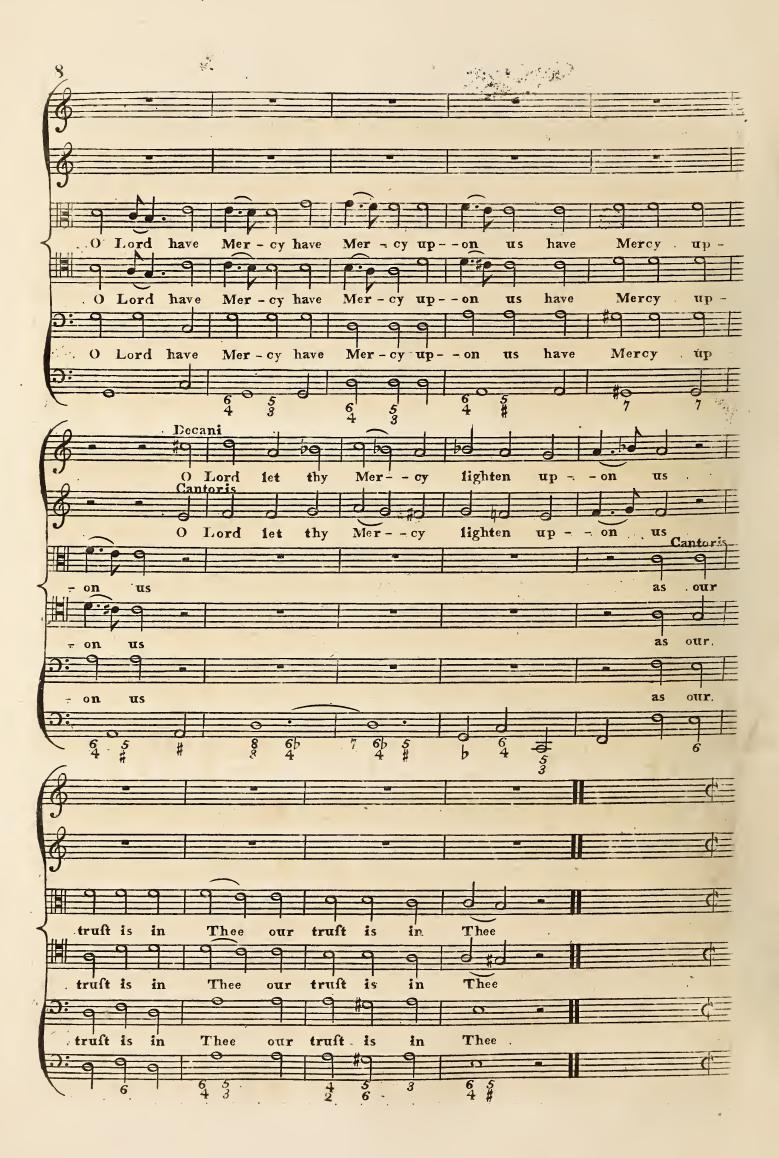


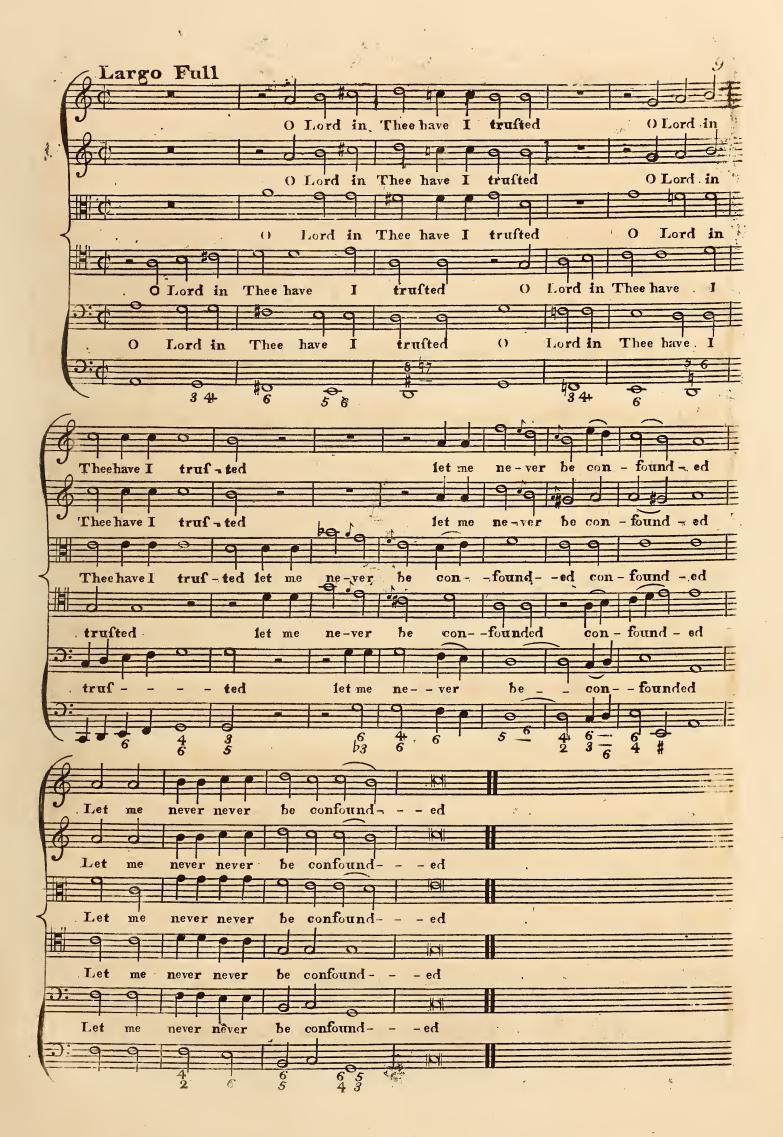


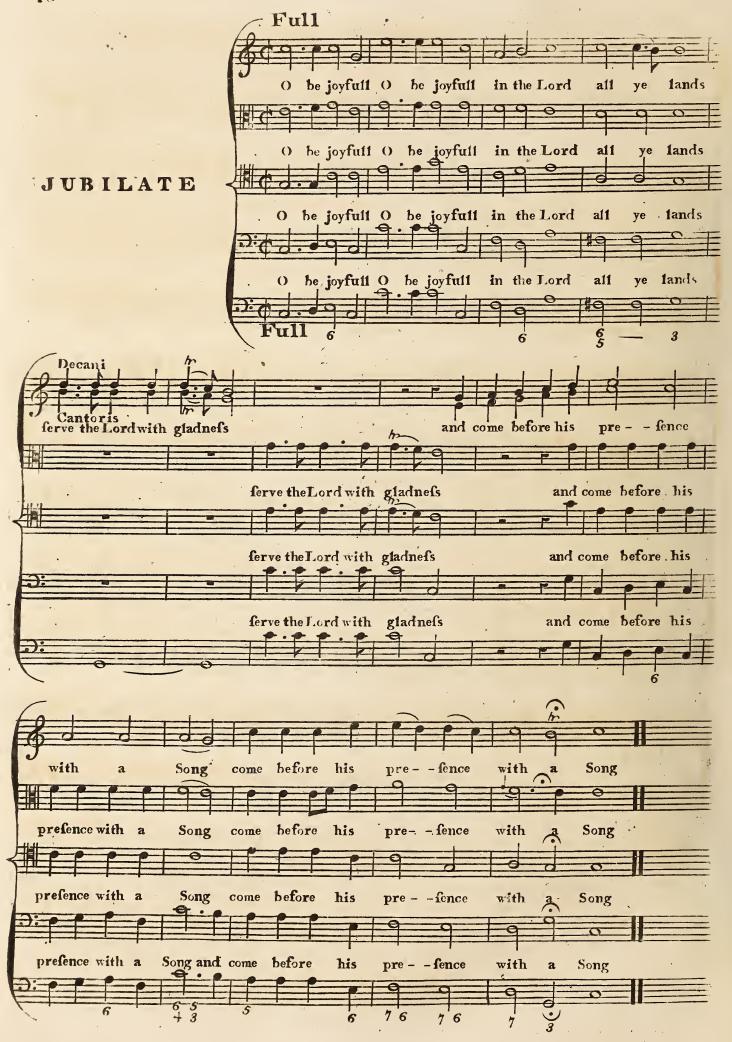


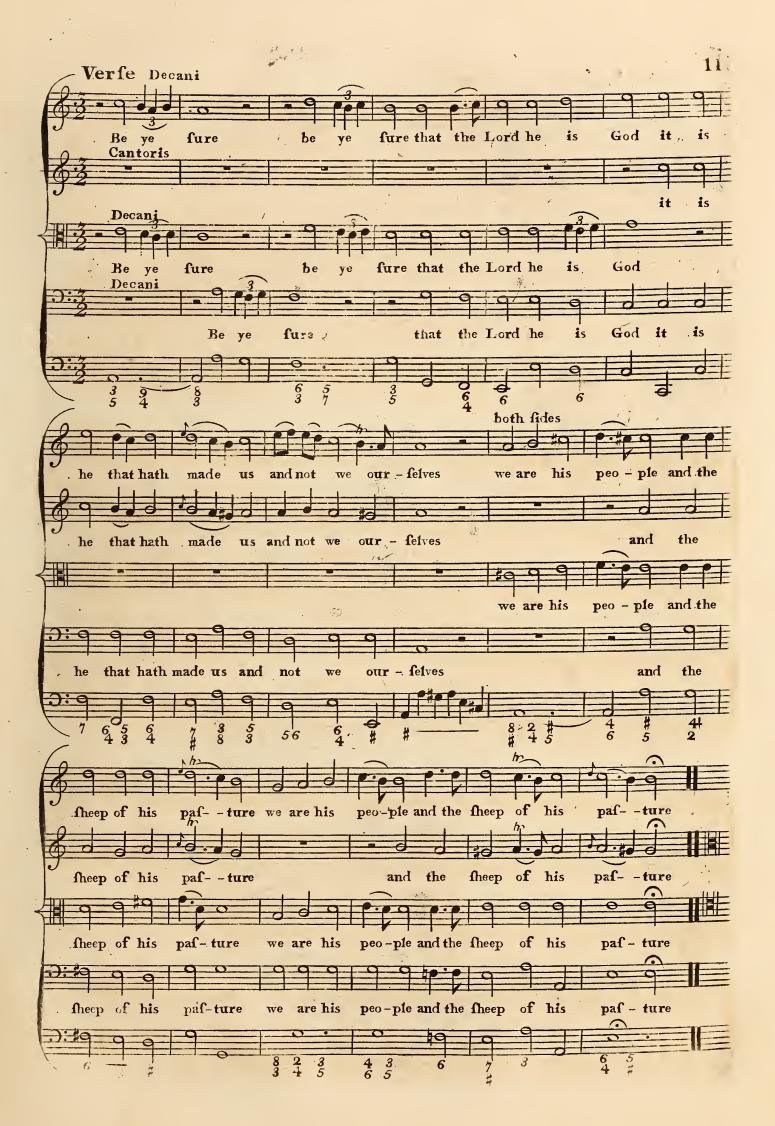




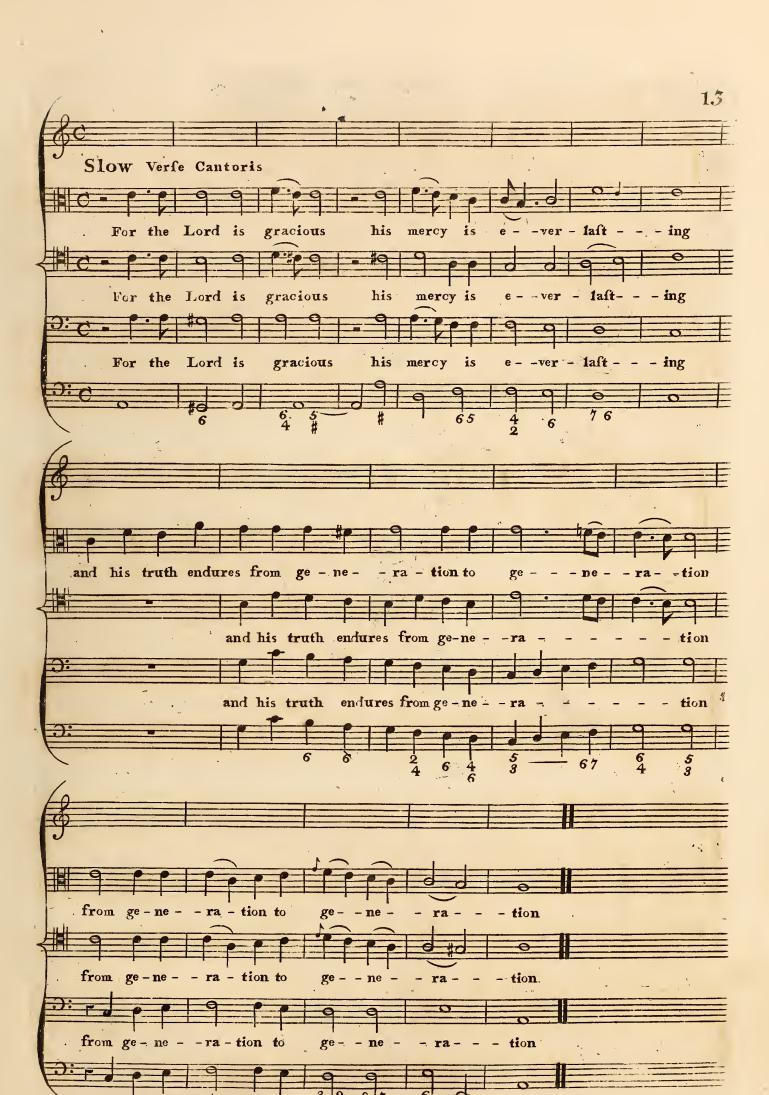


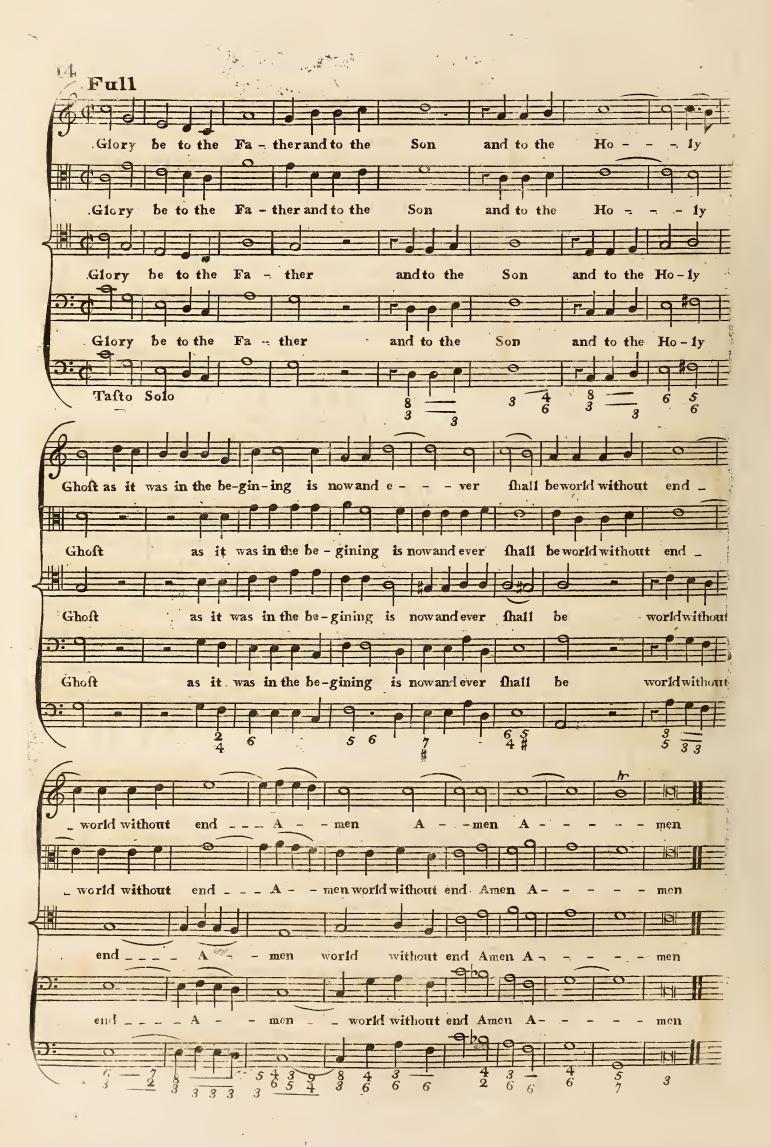




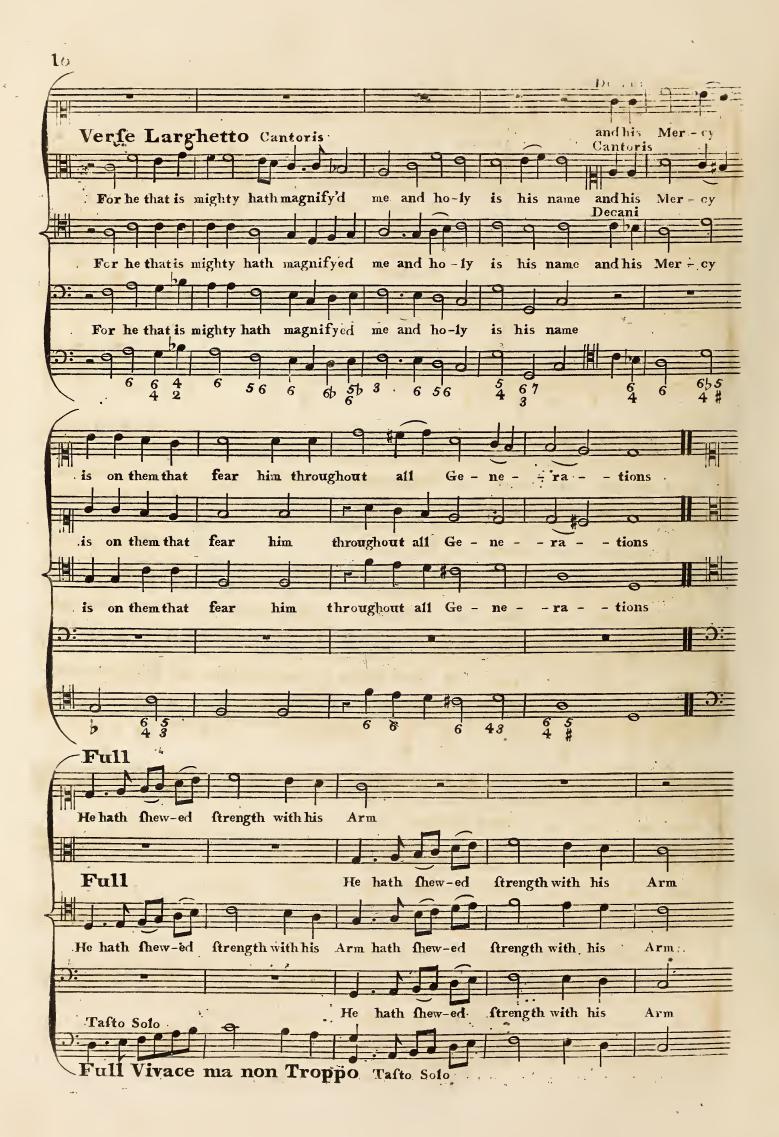


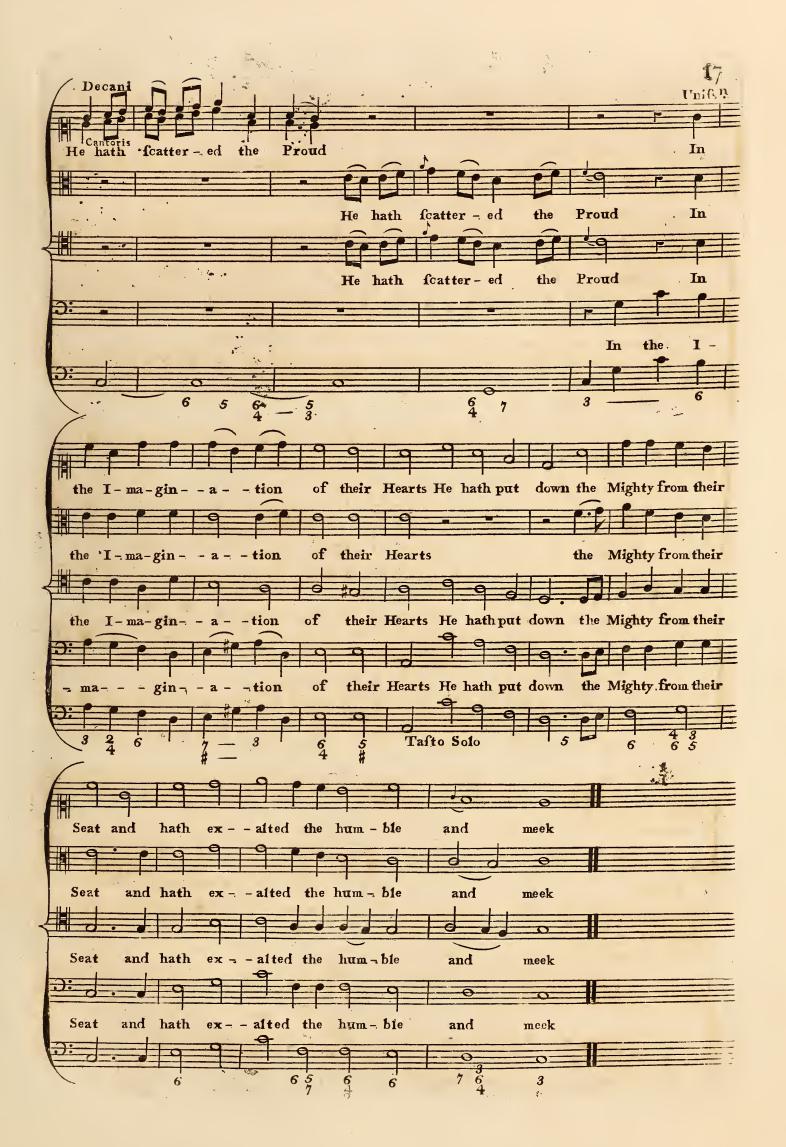






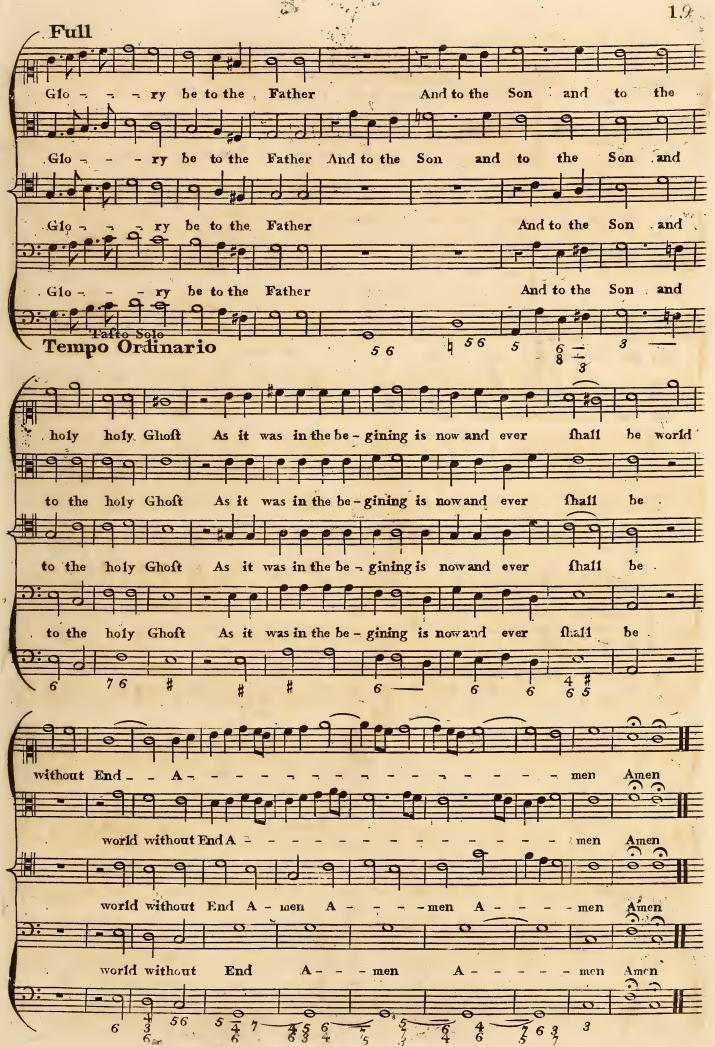




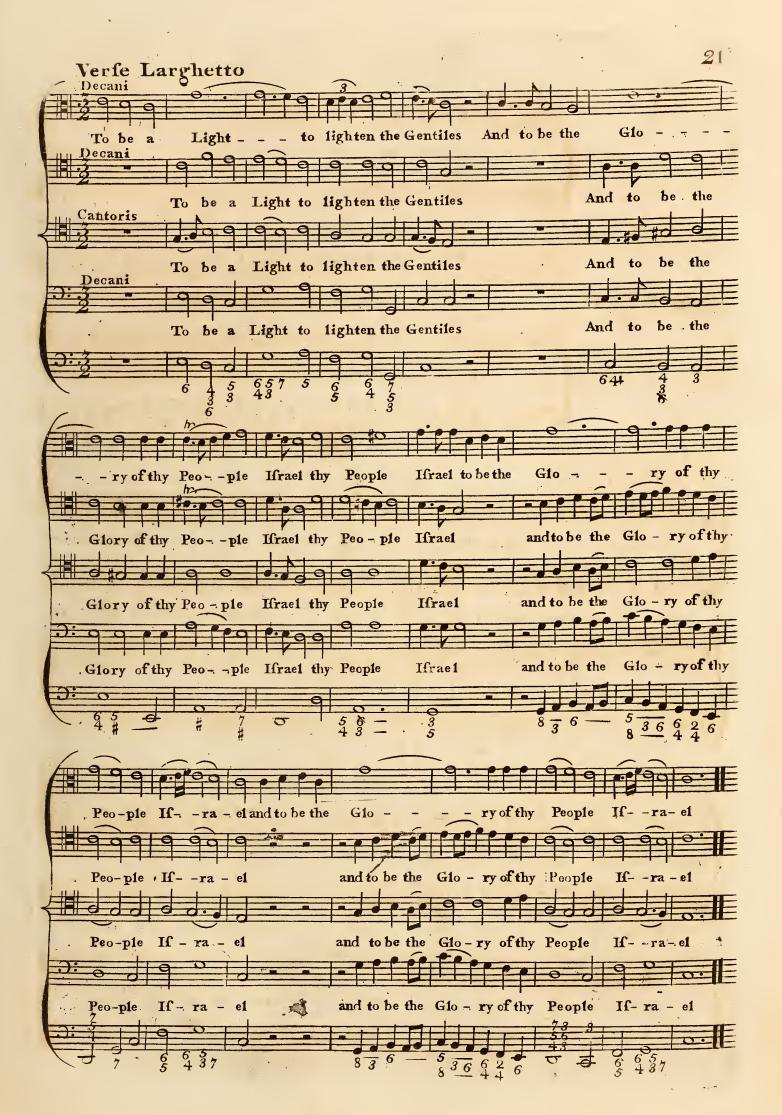


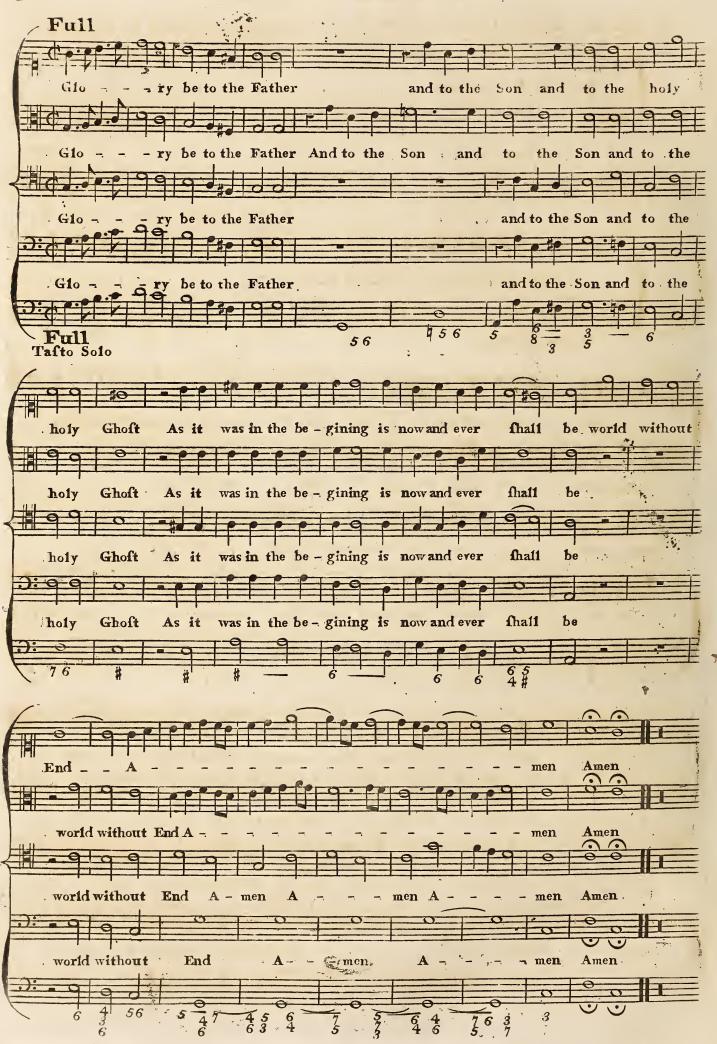


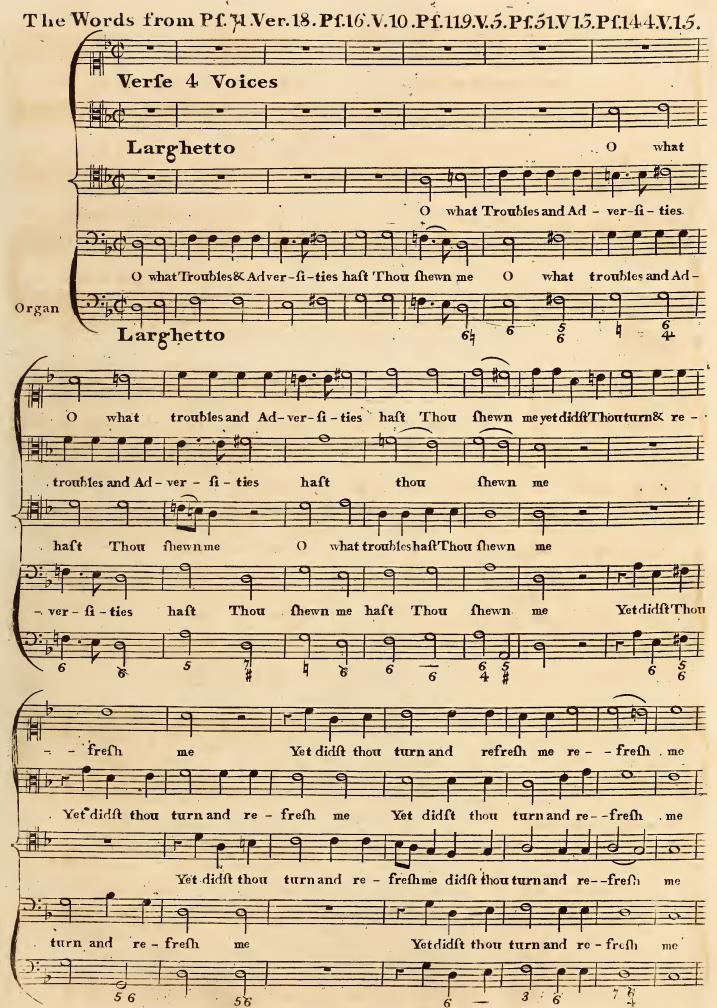


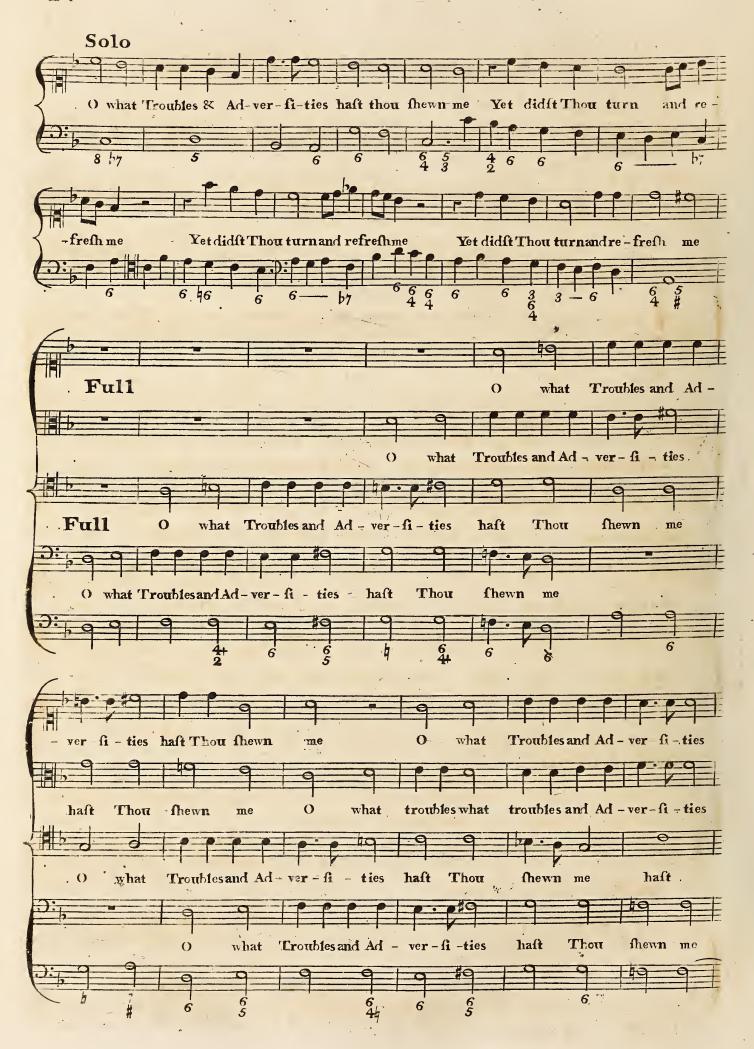


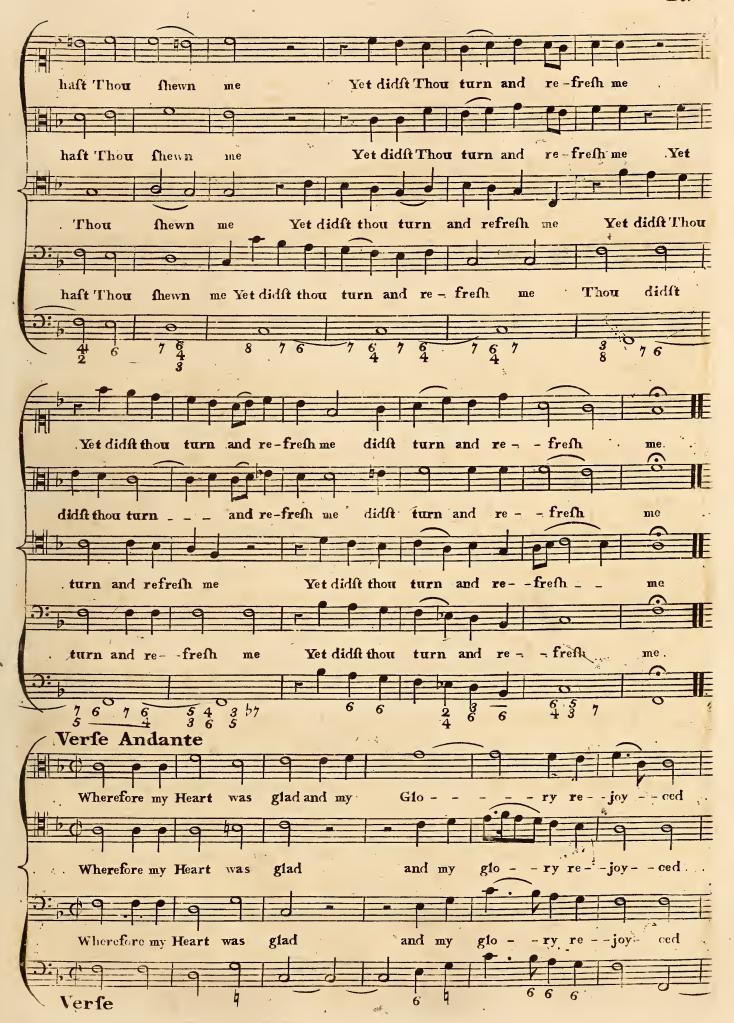




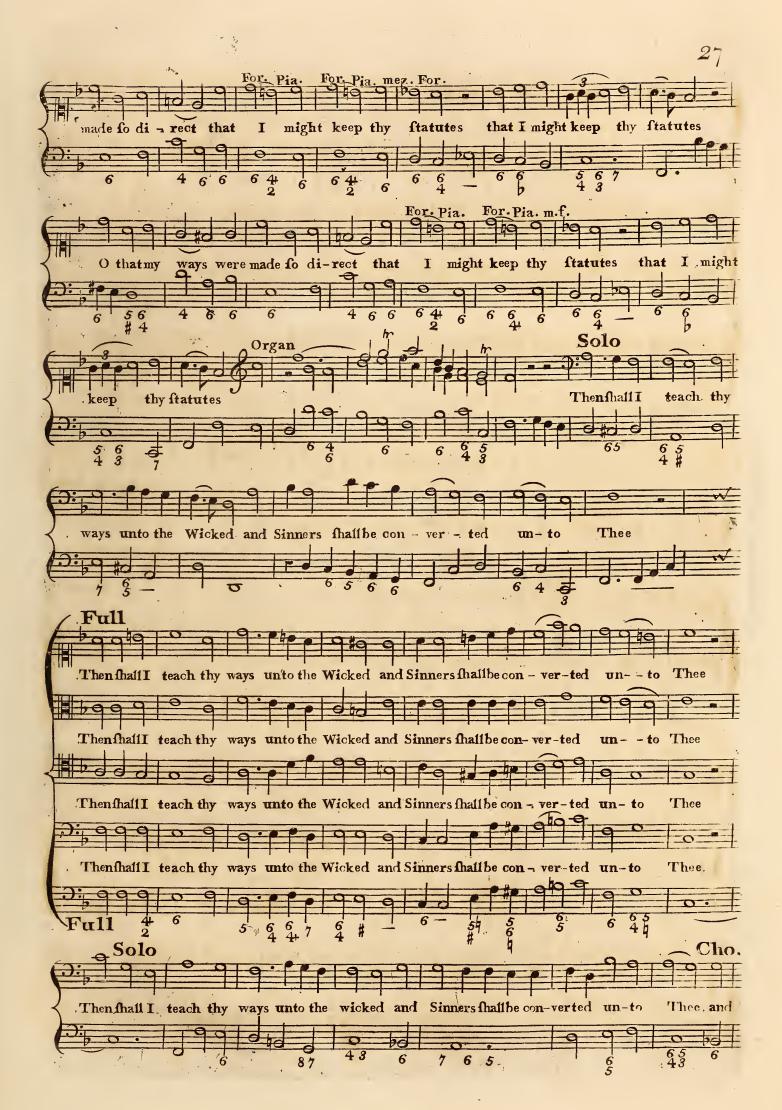






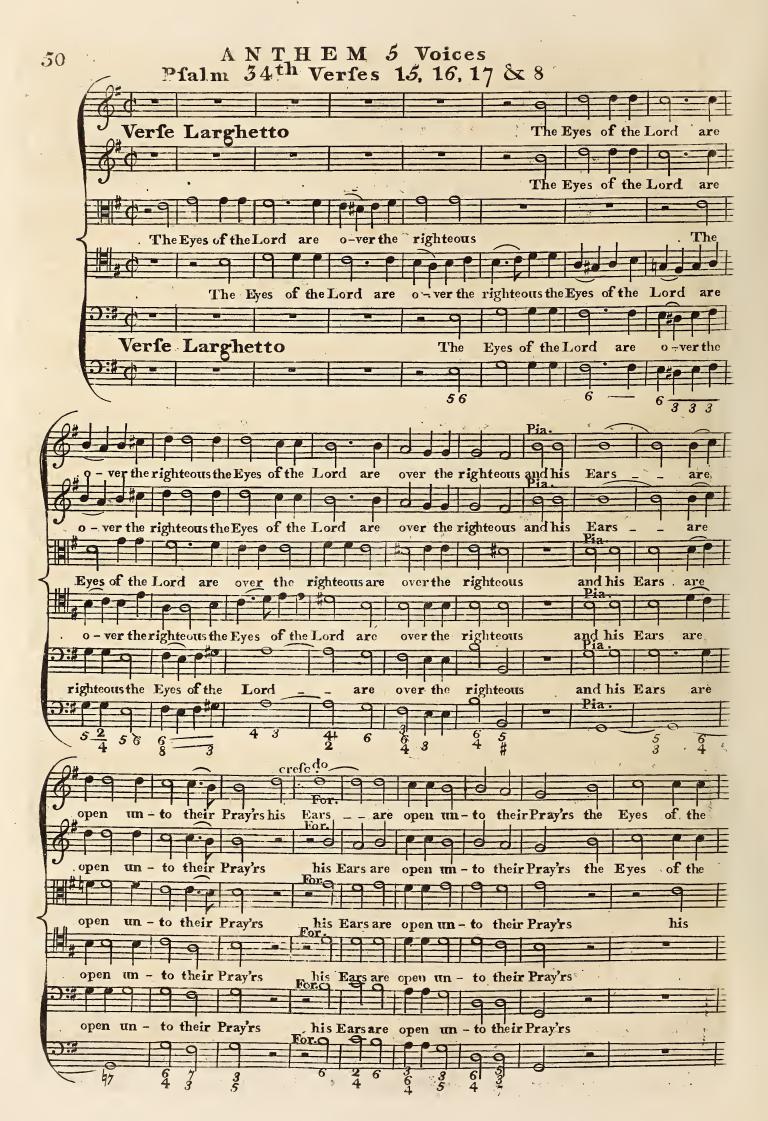






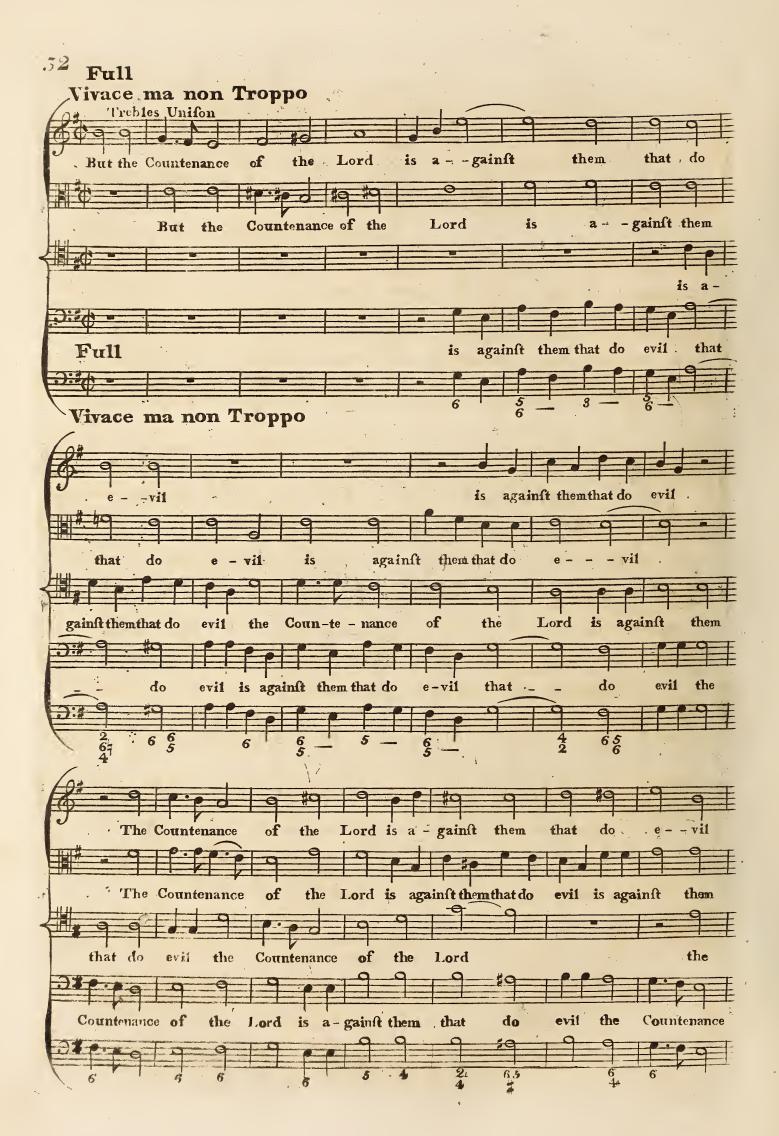


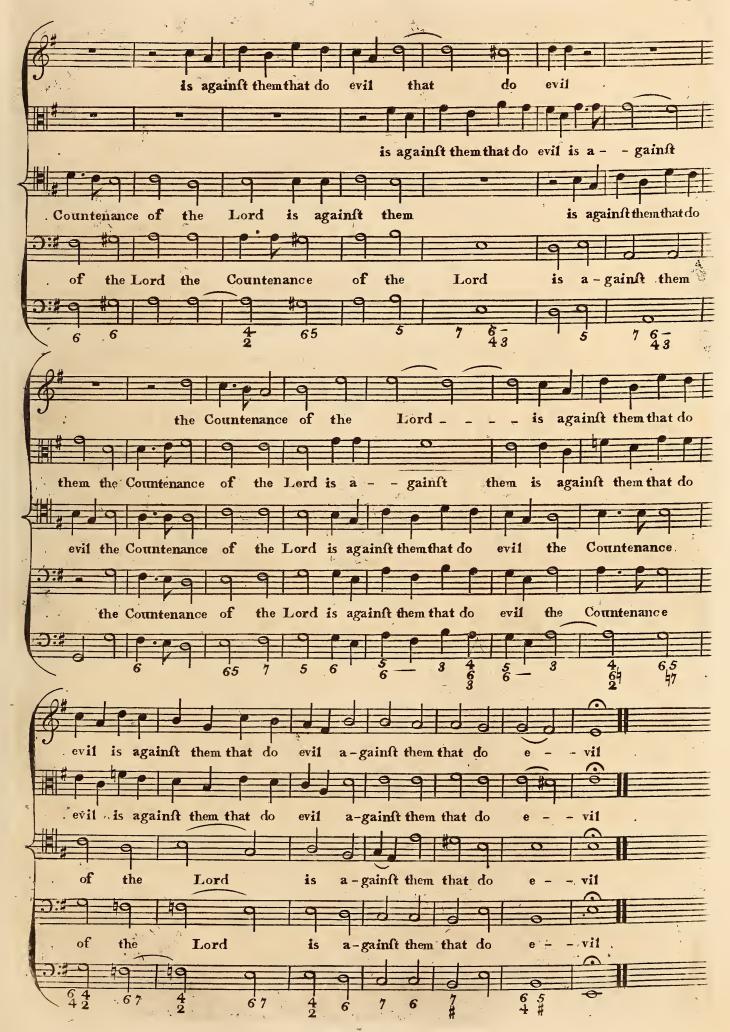


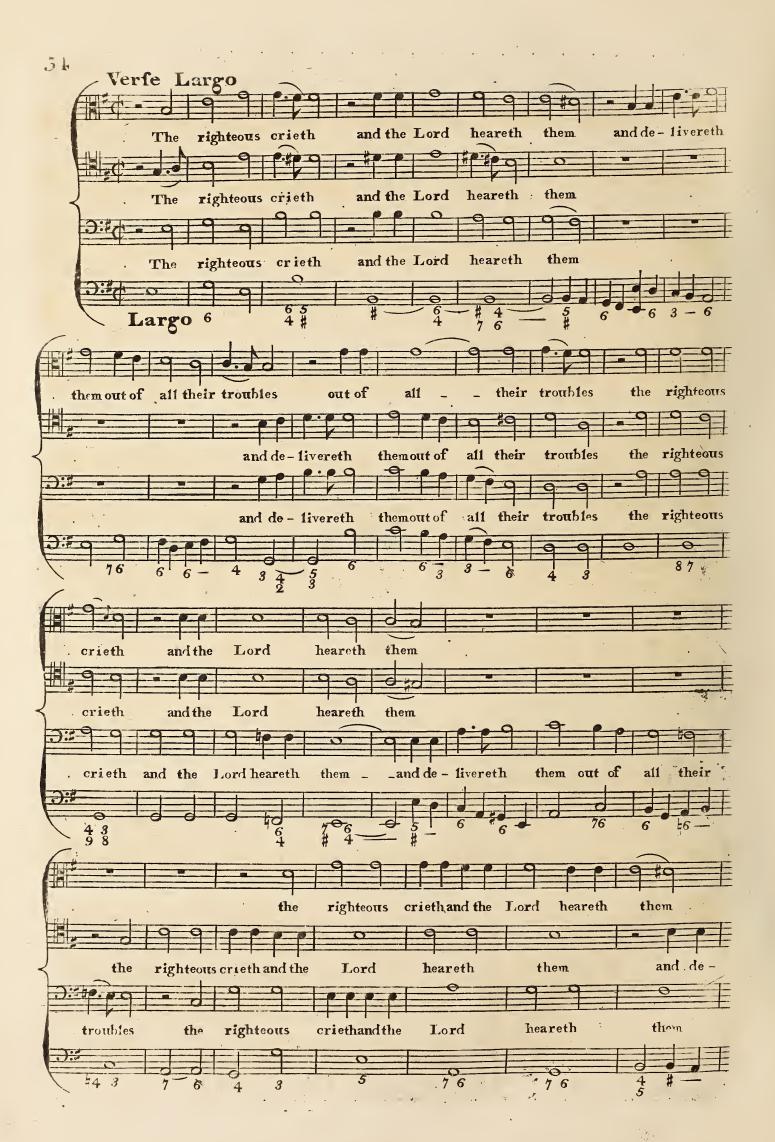






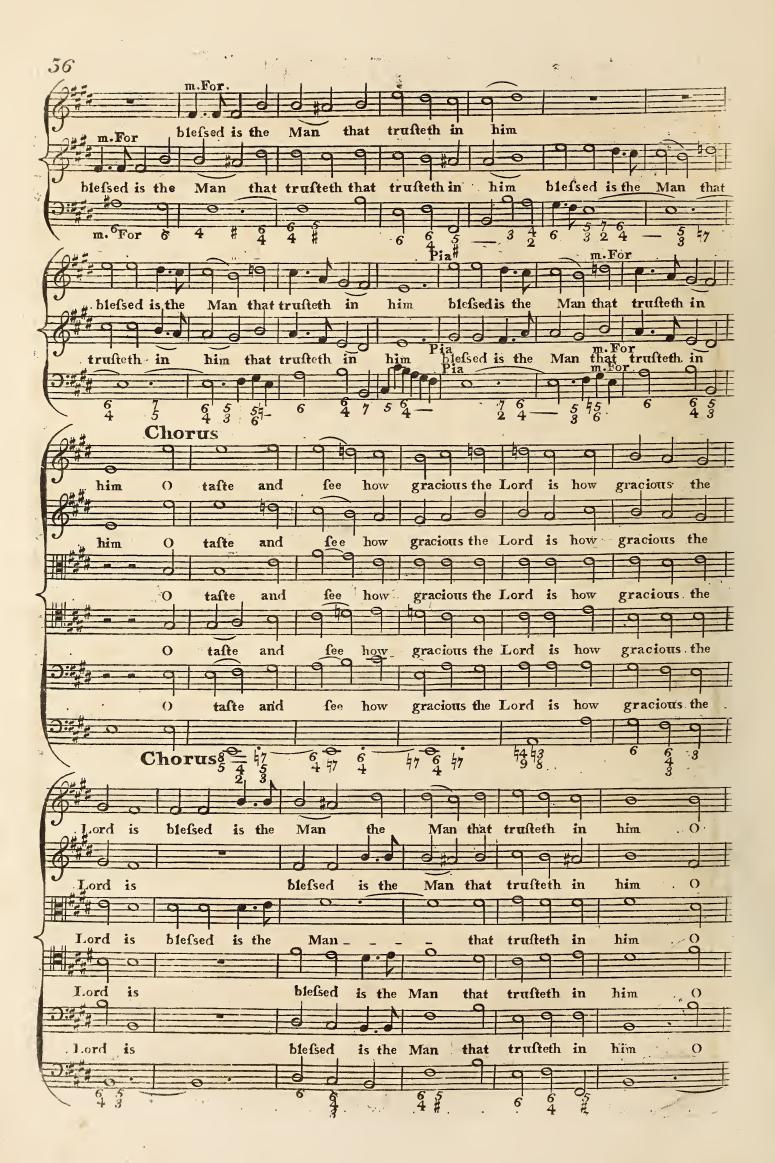








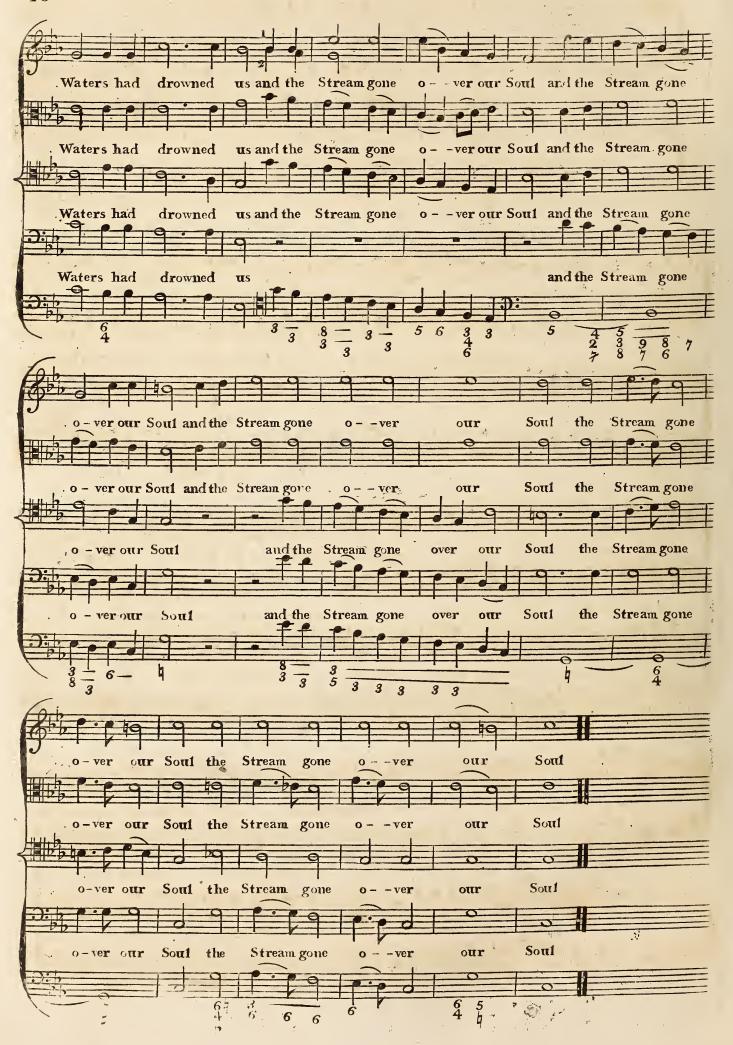
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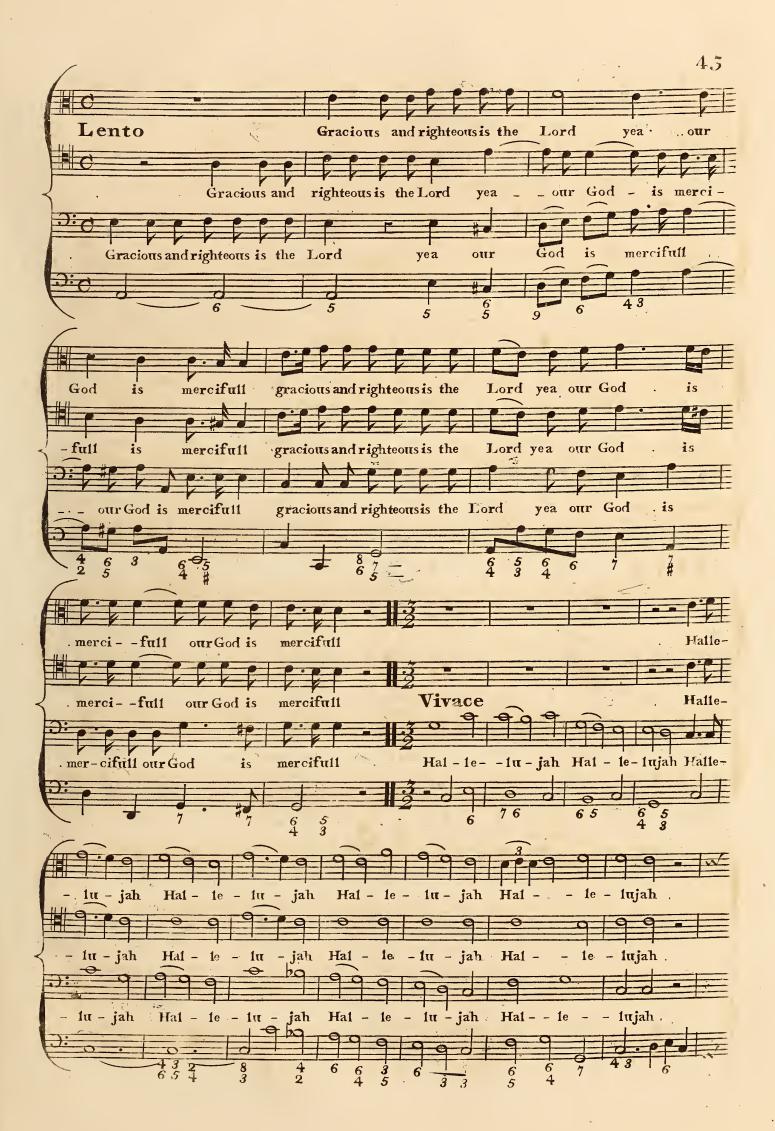


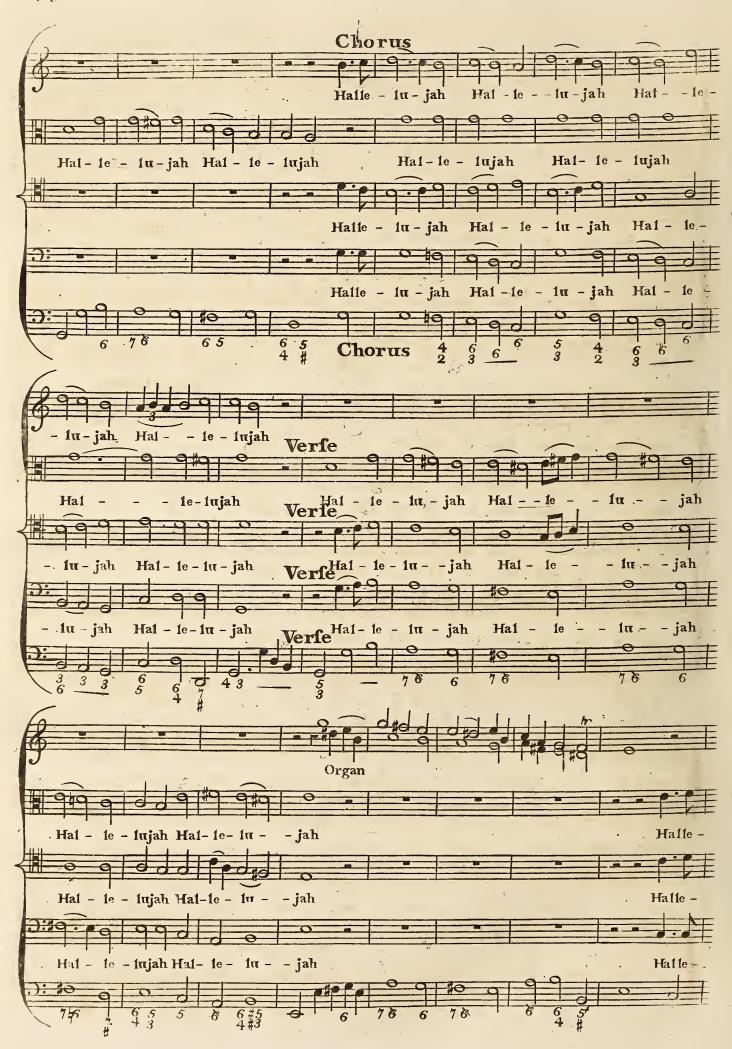














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